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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW

REF: (A) STATE 11036, (B) PARA 7, CAIRO 1534

1. WHEN MEETING WITH SADAT AND VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING,
I SAID THE VP HAD PASSED ON TO ME LAST NIGHT SADAT'S
CONCERN ABOUT STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY PRESIDENT
CARTER RE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI. I HAD SINCE THAT
TIME RECEIVED THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERTINENT
STATEMENTS AND READ THEM TO SADAT. I NOTED THAT THEY
ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE REPORT WHICH SADAT SEEMS TO
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HAVE HEARD OF THEM.

2. AFTER LISTENING CAREFULLY, SADAT SAID THERE WERE
SOME ELEMENTS IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS WHICH
WERE HELPFUL TO HIM. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS PLEASED THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER HAD REITERATED OUR VIEW THAT THESE
ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ARE ILLEGAL. HE WAS ALSO PLEASED

WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT BEGIN AND GOI WILL ALLOW BASIC PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO BREAK DOWN BECAUSE OF ARGUMENTS OVER SETTLEMENTS.

3. HE WAS LESS PLEASED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JORDAN, EGYPT AND ISRAEL THAT SOME OF THE ISRAELI SETTLERS MIGHT REMAIN, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THIS TIED IN WITH UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES OR WHETHER SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY WAS VESTED IN JORDAN OR EGYPT. SADAT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT CARTER'S PURPOSE, BUT WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR AGAIN THAT HE CANNOT ACCEPT A RESIDUAL ISRAELI PRESENCE, EITHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY, IN SINAI AFTER A PEACE SETTLEMENT. EILTS UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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